

Long Is The Way and Hard

... that out of Hell,
Leads up to Light.

HOPE:

My name is Hope.
I sing in the Valley of Despair.
My voice brings light to darkness
Like the trail of a shooting star,
And in the hearts of the desolate
My voice is never still.
Call me by name and take me by the hand,
Let me be your lover
For through the lover of tears you cannot walk
Forever, a stranger and alone.

MAN:

Your name is Hope! More like is it
To Mockery or Deceit!
Where were you Hope, when o'er my sun of happiness
The clouds of Sorrow spread
Their sable wings? and when depression
Stole across my mind,
Heard I your song or felt your quiding hand?
No. No. Black were those clouds, too black
To fail against your feeble beams.

LUST:

A Man, your crown is sorrow,
Your destiny is dust. Your logic
Is corruption. Your wisdom false.
And that elusive balm
Whose name is Hope, to it
Lift not your hands for help.

MAN:

No hope? no faith? no truth?
If there's no pattern to this twisted trail,
If there is no good in this my broken life,
If there is but pain for me to nourish by—
Then let me die as I have lived, alone.

HOPE:

Teach not your lips defiance of your guide,
Nor to the fruits of Love turn you your back.
There is no death in Life, but in dying
We are born again. The grave is but the doorway
To the stars, where our songless lips will learn
To sing. O Man, do not betray
Your priceless legacy.

MAN:

Which of us has known the answer?
Who has guessed the reason for it all?
Who is there who does not ever roam
A stranger to his fellows and his soul?
Oh, I have read about a Golden Age
When hate and lust and evil were not known,
And when the sun of heaven ever shone
Its rays of marless concord
From the sky. That time is lost
In the formless wake of Time as
The night wind is lost among great trees;
Or like your voice, pale Hope, whose
Sounding dies amidst the discord of
This hopeless world.

LUST:

The good in Life is not now yours to hold.
Peace is not yours, for you have dared ask
'Why?' and 'To what end?' Your burden
Is this sin.

Man:

I only thought—

LUST:

But you must never think.

Only accept and in accepting
Satisfaction find.

Man:

Never think? Just for the present live?
Why to do this were but to tread
Brainless the primrose way
That out of Light leads down
To Hell.

HOPE:

Heed not his words—the babblings
Of the Damned in them lurk.

MAN:

How can my ear
Not recognize the thunder of
The storm?

LUST:

My heart is light, laughter fills
My soulless memory. Countless thousands
To my reception bow. Follow me down:
An answer you will find,
A consolation real.

HOPE:

Damned consolation of the sense
Your end is dust. Your glory
But the flame of some red hell.

MAN:

How can I paint the wild
Confusion tearing at my soul. To have
The courage and the faith to see
The light in darkness, were, to me,
All I need. To laugh through tears
And hope for better things. To hear
The harps of heaven sweep and sing
Away my utter weariness.
O Hope. To me your rose of promise
Hurl, and the years advance
Be with me still.

HOPE:

Not in the cold embrace of Lust
Will warmth be found. Lift up your
Heart to me and laugh once more.
A sightless soul can find
An unborn love and long-lost peace of mind.

Anonymous

A Survey of Religious Study Groups on Dal Campus

The four religious organizations on the Dalhousie campus emphasize worship of God and fellowship. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Here are some of the individual ways in which these organizations may be called Christian:

Dalhousie-King's Canterbury Club

The Canterbury Club is an international organization for Anglican university students. Its aims are to promote fellowship among Anglican students, and to help them understand and participate more fully in the life and work of the Church, with particular reference to the relevancy of the Faith in the University situation. Its activities include Corporate Communion followed by breakfast

on the first Sunday of each month, and meetings on Sunday evenings in the Cathedral Hall. The programs include lectures, discussions, games, sing-songs, etc.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

The I.V.C.F. is an organization of fundamental guidance. Its aim is "to reach the students of the campus for Christ". Discussion groups are held, at which portions of the Scripture are discussed, occasionally with one of the City clergymen as leader. The 2nd annual Maritime conference was held in November, and there will be items of special interest in February.

Dalhousie-Tech Newman Club

The Newman Club, established in 1919, offers to Catholic students the advantages of spiritual, intellectual and social life. Its activities include Communion breakfasts, panel discussions, and social evenings of dancing, sing-

songs, etc. The annual ball is always a project. The Club's best purpose is served when it reminds the Catholic student of his obligations, and also helps him secure for himself a greater degree of understanding which will afford him happiness on and off the campus.

Student Christian Movement of Dalhousie

The S.C.M. is based on the belief that "In Jesus Christ are found the supreme revelation of God and the means to the full realization of life". The Dalhousie branch regards as its prime purpose the organization and support of study groups. These groups study either the life of Jesus, some specific portion of the Bible, or the practical application of Christianity to life. The S.C.M. also holds supper meetings every Wednesday in the Engineers' Common Room.

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